



Bishop Charles B. Galloway of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, died at Jackson, Miss. For twenty years he has ranked among the great pulpit orators of the country.

Twenty men were killed by a premature explosion of dynamite in a stone quarry near South Bethlehem, New York.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who was a military aide with the rank of major on the staff of the late Governor Lilley of Connecticut, has declined re-appointment on the staff of Governor Weeks.

Lorenzo Crouse, former governor of Nebraska, and assistant secretary of the treasury under the Harrison administration, died at his home in Omaha.

Slawson Thompson, editor of the Bureau of Railway News and Statistics, has made a report in which he says: "There were 1,932 fewer fatalities to passengers and employes by railway accidents during the calendar year 1908 than in 1907. Comparing the returns of 1908 with those of the fiscal year 1906-07, the decrease in fatalities was even more gratifying, being 2,173 or 43.4 per cent. Of these the decrease in passengers killed was from 570 to 292, or nearly 48.8 per cent, and in employes from 4,430 to 2,535 or 43 per cent. Fatalities to passengers in train accidents decreased 70 per cent in the calendar year 1908, as compared with the fiscal year 1906-07, and 51 per cent among employes hurt in the same class of accidents. This decrease is qualified by the fact that during the panic their ranks were reduced by 15 per cent 'laying off.' All things considered the conclusion is unavoidable that the marked diminution in fatalities in 1908 was due almost entirely to the recession in freight traffic, which took the strain off every department of service and substituted orderly observance of rules by passengers and employes for their violation in the feverish rush of prosperity that culminated in October, 1907. Like conditions produced like results before and after the panic of 1893." Mr. Thompson notes that the railroads of Great Britain went through the year 1908 without killing a single passenger in a train accident.

Major Albert E. H. Johnson, a patent attorney, died at Washington, D. C. He was, during the civil war, private secretary to Edwin M. Stanton, secretary of war.

The senate committee on finance has decided to place a duty of \$5 per ton on printing paper and \$1.30 per ton on wood pulp. This is a slight reduction in both cases from the Dingley law.

Rev. Alexander Irvine, a New York socialist, delivered a sermon recently in which he declared that John D. Rockefeller is "the greatest business man the world has ever known or probably ever will know." "A great deal of the criticism hurled at Mr. Rockefeller is unwise," Mr. Irvine continued. "He has played the game of business under our system and he has played it as squarely as most of the men who play. I will not be a party to holding up the winner and crucifying him. We made the rules of the game. Who is there

today that would not be a Rockefeller if he could? Rockefeller's outlook is that of a benevolent trust. He doesn't imagine that he lives in a democracy, but in modern feudalism, and he is a feudal lord. The socialist point of view is that society itself must evolve and work out progress like Rockefeller's, and out of the heart of democracy will come a better plan. The American people everywhere will form their own benevolent trust."

General Stewart Woodford, former minister to Spain, picks Theodore Roosevelt as the republican nominee for mayor of New York.

L. D. Richards of Fremont was elected department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in Nebraska.

President Taft has written a letter endorsing the play grounds movement.

An Associated Press cablegram under date of London, May 14, follows: "A comprehensive bill for the removal of Roman Catholic disabilities and providing for an alteration in the accession oath taken by the British sovereign was introduced by William Redmond in the house of commons today, and gave variety to the customary dullness of the Friday debate. The Roman Catholics never ceased to inveigh against the 'insulting references' to certain Catholic beliefs in the monarch's accession declaration as 'superstitious' and 'idolatrous.' The same opposition that has defeated any effort to alter the oath again showed up today with a petition signed by 400,000 persons against the removal of Roman Catholic disabilities. Mr. Redmond's bill not only removes what is regarded as the objectionable portion of the oath of accession, but it repeals the acts prohibiting residence and the acquisition of property by the Jesuits and monastic orders, and abolishes the disqualification which prevents Catholics from filling the offices of lord chancellor of Great Britain and lord lieutenants of Ireland. Premier Asquith gave his cordial support to the objects of the bill. He declared that the exclusion of Roman Catholics from the lord chancellorship and the lord lieutenancy was quite unjustifiable."

The high lead tariff proposed by Senator Aldrich was adopted by a vote of 44 to 35. Eleven republicans voted no with the democrats, and two democrats, Hughes of Colorado and McEnery of Louisiana, voted with the republicans. By this vote the house rate of 1 1/2 was raised to 2 1/2 cents a pound on pig lead.

Thomas Hinterland, a clerk employed at the White House, committed suicide. His act is attributed to a break down due to overwork.

Orrin T. Welch, well known in insurance circles and three times mayor of Topeka, Kan., died at his home in Brooklyn.

President Taft sent to congress a special message recommending legislation at the present extra session, amending the Foraker act under which Porto Rico is governed. The president directs the attention of congress to affairs on the island, laying particular stress on what he terms 'a situation of unusual grav-

ity,' developed through the failure of the executive assembly of Porto Rico to pass the usual appropriation bills, leaving the island without support after June 30 next.

Broughton Brandenburg the magazine writer who palmed off the bogus Grover Cleveland letter on republican papers during the last campaign has been returned to New York for trial.

John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker, has appealed his case to the United States court of appeals. He has retained David S. Rose, mayor of Milwaukee, and John S. Miller, the Standard Oil lawyer, as his attorneys.

Mrs. Mary L. Dalzell, wife of Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania, died at the national capital.

A balloon manned by two army officers and sent from the government post at Omaha, burst at Jackson, Neb. Neither of the officers were seriously injured.

President Taft has appointed Henry Groves Connor, democrat, to be United States judge for the eastern district of North Carolina. He succeeds the late Thomas R. Purnell. An Associated dispatch says: "Judge Connor is described as being a man of liberal views politically, and is so regarded at the White House."

Attorney General Wickersham has given an opinion to the effect that banks may insure their deposits through insurance companies.

Captain Peter C. Hains was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree. He was tried for the killing of William E. Annis at the Bay Side Yacht club last August.

Fourteen Tennessee night riders at Waverly, Tenn., were fined \$100 and sentenced to ten days in jail.

A gasoline launch sank in the middle of the Ohio river near Schoenerville, Penn. Twenty of the thirty persons on board were drowned.

In a riot at Colon, Panama, two Americans were killed by police officers.

Former President Charles W. Elliot of Harvard university was invested with the insignia of the Order of the Rising Sun. This was bestowed by the emperor of Japan.

HOW JUDGES ARE MADE

Justice David Brewer of the United States supreme court, during a recent address before the students of law at the university of Pennsylvania, told them of one of the experiences of his judicial career at his own expense.

"It happened while I was sitting at one time on a number of cases in which a good friend of mine was interested as counsel, and it also happened that in many of them my decisions were rendered against my friend's client. One day after the completion of such a case we sat together talking, when a very bashful young man from the rural districts came in to see me, bearing a card of introduction, to obtain my advice upon the choice of a profession. 'What do you think you want to do?' I asked him. 'I kind of thought I'd better study law,' he replied, 'not that I want to very much, but because I guess I'd like to be a judge. They make judges out of lawyers, don't they?' he asked somewhat hesitatingly. 'Once in a while,' my legal friend replied before I could answer. 'Once in a while they do, but not often.'"—Philadelphia Press.

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